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SUBJECT:

1. SUMMARY: UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE HAS DEVELOPED SOME SOUND IDEAS FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN TWO ADMINISTRATIONS UNDER UNDP AEGIS. AUTONOMOUS TURKISH ADMINISTRATION HAD DECLARED THAT IT WOULD RATHER DO WITHOUT THAN ACCEPT UNDP ASSISTANCE ROUTED THROUGH GOC. END SUMMARY.

2. WITH DCM BROWN, AMBASSADOR CALLED ON UNDP RESREP PAVICIC (YUGOSLAV) OCTOBER 18 TO REVIEW UNDP PROGRAMS IN LIGHT OF PAST SUMMER'S DEVELOPMENTS.

3. PAVICIC INFORMED US THAT WAR'S MAJOR CASUALTY FOR UNDP HAD BEEN VIRTUAL DESTRUCTION OF \$1 MILLION ANIMAL HUSBANDRY EXPERIMENTAL FARM IN PYROI. UNDER TURKISH OCCUPATION, HIGH-QUALITY LIVESTOCK HAD BEEN MOSTLY COMMANDEERED TO FEED THE TURKISH ARMY. OTHER UNDP PROGRAMS (HOTEL AND CATERING SCHOOL, PRODUCTIVITY CENTER, HEALTH AND MANPOWER INSTITUTE, HIGHER TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, ETC.) WOULD CONTINUE, BUT ALMOST CERTAINLY

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WITHOUT TURKISH CYPRIOT PARTICIPATION FOR TIME BEING. DENKTASH

HAS TAKEN HARD LINE THAT TURKISH CYPRIOTS WOULD RATHER DO WITHOUT HELP THAN ACCEPT CONTINUED ROUTING OF ASSISTANCE THROUGH GOC; THERE NEW REALITY ON CYPRUS WITH WHICH UNDP HAD TO COME TO TERMS. PAVICIC HAS BOUNCED THIS TO NEW YORK WHICH HE THINKS WILL REFUSE TO PLAY THE AUTONOMOUS TURKISH ADMINISTRATION GAME, ON PROPER GROUND OF PREJUDGING AN ISSUE UNDA NEGOTIATION.

4. NOTING THAT CYPRUS HAD BEEN UNIQUE IN THIS REGION IN TERMS OF SOUND AGRICULTURAL, VETERINARY, MEDICAL AND WATER SERVICES THAT HAD INTER ALIA KEPT ISLAND FREE OF MAJOR ANIMAL AND PLANT DISEASES. PAVICIC EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT DIVISION OF ISLAND HAD ALREADY DISMANTLED MANY CONTROL PROGRAMS. DISEASES COULD BE EXPECTED APPEAR IN NEAR FUTURE. IN EFFORT GET COOPERATION STARTED, PAVICIC WILL MAKE STRONG EFFORT CONVEY NON-POLITICAL, TECHNICAL GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOT TEAMS TO MEET REGULARLY AT LEDRA PALACE UNDER HIS AEGIS. THESE WOULD BE IN FIELDS OF HUMAN, ANIMAL AND PLANT DISEASE AND WATER MANAGEMENT. LATTER PARTICULARLY CRITICAL BECAUSE CYPRUS SHORT OF WATER AT BEST OF TIMES AND HAS SURVIVED AS WELL AS IT HAS ONLY BY STRICT CONTROLS. UNRESTRICTED PUMPING WHICH TURKS REPORTEDLY HAVE UNDERWAY IN MORPHOU AND FAMAGUSTA CAN ONLY RESULT IN SALTING FRESH WATER AQUIFERS ALREADY BADLY ERODED. PAVICIC RECOGNIZED THAT POLITICAL PROBLEMS WILL ARISE AS SOON AS HE BEGINS, E.G. HOW TO APPORTION CHAIRMANSHIPS OF COMMITTEES, GIVING FAIR REPRESENTATION WITHOUT RUNNING HEAD ON INTO AUTONOMOUS TURKISH ADMINISTRATION DEMANDS FOR EQUAL STATUS AND PREDICTABLE GOC RESISTANCE TO THIS. HOWEVER, HE WOULD DO HIS BEST, ARGUING ESSENTIALITY TO BOTH COMMUNITIES OF WHAT HE PROPOSING.

5. WE PROMISED PAVICIC EVERY APPROPRIATE SUPPORT, AGREEING THAT HIS PROPOSALS ARE IMPORTANT TO WELFARE OF BOTH GREEKS AND TURKS, AS WELL AS A USEFUL TECHNICAL ADJUNCT TO CLERIDES-DENKTASH POLITICAL/HUMANITARIAN TALKS UNDER UNSYG SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE WECKMANN, WHICH CAN FOSTER COOPERATION NOW IN MATTERS THAT WILL LOGICALLY FALL WITHIN PURVIEW OF A FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, IF AND WHEN ONE COMES INTO BEING. CRAWFORD
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